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In re Application of Martin Hottner

Serial No.: 10/561,887

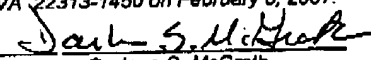
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) Group Art Unit: 1772

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Letter Of Transmittal

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response To The Requirement For Restriction/Election Of Species (1 page) and;
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,



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